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Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon meets every 2nd Thursday at 7:00 pm at the First Lutheran Church of El Cajon. The address is 867 South Lincoln Ave. Next meeting: October 14, 2010 7:00 pm

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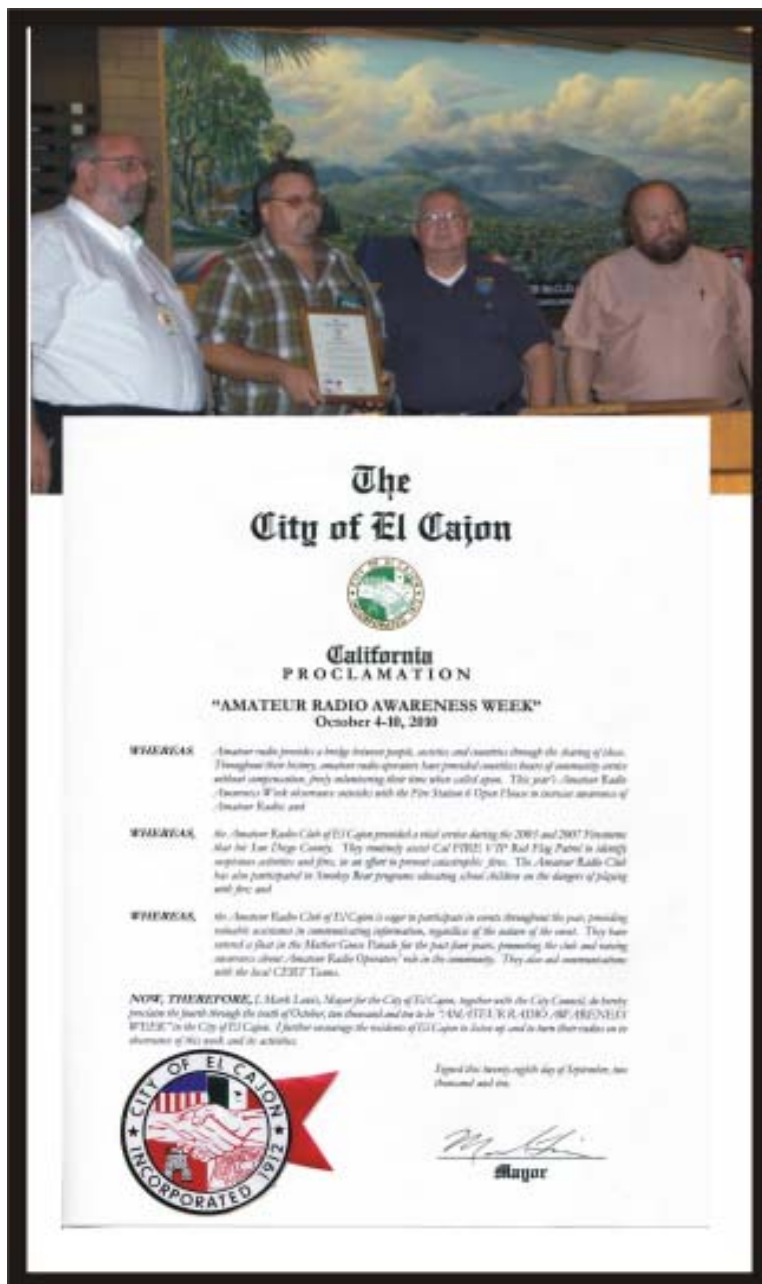
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ACRES & ACRES OF BARGAINS
1st & 3rd Saturday of the Month
GATES OPEN 6:30 AM

From The President

Paul KC6QLS



First, I would like to thank Mike, N6OPH for filling in for me at the meeting. I went under the knife for the left eye. The scheduled two hour surgery went into five hours due to all the scar tissue in the eye. The Doctor did his best and the eye is healing just fine. The question is will I regain any sight back in the eye? Only time will tell. I have been given one year before he calls it with a percentage of vision. I had only about two weeks of recovering before the Convention. The doctor cleared me for the Convention just hours before the event.

We need to get this Club back on TRACK. The personal attacks and incivility has to come to a stop before any more harm comes to the club. It has to come from you, the members, to ask them to stop the incivility. Like I said in last month's Newsletter, which they are now attacking, the next few months are very important. We have some big events that need to be seen outside of the club in a positive light in order for this club to see the next 50 years.

I may be blind in one eye and have limited vision in the other one, but I can see the future path the club is headed down and it is not good. Just look at the last four years and the path we were going down. We were growing, families, youth, elmering, and all the fun events we were doing and all getting along just fine. You have to look at when it all started to come apart, March of this year. What was the change and why was the incivility started?

Hope to see you all at the next meeting.

73,

Paul Rios, KC6QLS
President

Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon

General Meeting Meeting
9 September 2010



The Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon General Meeting came to order at 1900hrs the presiding officer was Michael Maston, N6OPH.

Mike, N6OPH made an announcement that Paul is sick and Ann who is the secretary will be taking care of him. Anselmo Ruiz, KD6PRV will be taking the minutes for tonight. With no objection the meeting came to order.

Before the meeting, Ruth made an announcement that the refreshments are being served. The Social Chairman has resigned his position and Ruth will be taking over the operation.

The speaker for tonight was Gordon West speaking on "Tropo Ducting from Hawaii on 2 meters." The program included 2 meter moon bouncing, satellite bouncing, meteor bouncing, Aurora Borealis bouncing, tropospheric skip. Using the skip, Hawaii was contacted, Wayne Obverbeck, KH6ME had sent a message to the club.

After the program, Mike, N6OPH announced that members can take a 20 min coffee break.

Secretary's Report was approved as corrected. There was one item that needs correction, the name of?

Treasurer's Report: Joseph, KI6TTF gave his report on the finances of the club. As of August 31, 2010 the balance is \$2149.44. The report was approved by the club.

President's Report. Mike, N6OPH reported 6 members of the board have resigned citing personal reasons. The P O Box is functioning until 2011. 3 activities may have to be abandoned. Those include: the Linda Lakes park picnic, the Fire station open house, the Borrego springs trail run. Mike, N6OPH also mentioned the Mother Goose Parade. This parade might not happen due to low funds of the Mother Goose committee, but the other 3 mentioned might not happen due to a lack of planning and attention.

The Counterpoise is out.

We have a new member in attendance. His name is Steven Wilmore, KJ6KGX.

70 people attended tonight's meeting.

Vice Presidents Report. Gordon Shackelford will be teaching Extra Theory Class.

October is Nomination Committee time. The club will choose a committee to call for nominations for various office posts. Four members will be chosen plus last years chairman.

Mike, N6OPH read a report on correction he has studied that need to be given to the club on the meeting of Aug 12th. "White Paper" was read to the club and it gives points out items that need to be fixed and how to fix them.

Virgil read his report on Constitutional Changes Committee. After discussion on article and amendments to bylaws the club moved to make more changes to reflect a 33 1/3% instead of a 10% for a quorum.

Floyd Lange volunteered to take Rich Beisigl's position of Public Service.

Mike Oberbauer reported 21 members checked in to the nets and 16 on Saturday. He praised everyone for participating.

Len Fullbright reported that SANDARC bought and distributed 50 textbooks to be given to libraries around the San Diego County. 35 textbooks are for City of San Diego Public Libraries and 15 for County of San Diego Libraries. He also mentioned that Mike, N6OPH is now part of a NCVEC question pool committee. A radio station will be operation at the convention as WA1W/6. The San Diego ARRL convention will start next week at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel on Aero Drive and Highway 163.

Since Ruth used the coffee from the church, she donated \$5.00 to the church. Her committee earned \$27.00 that night.

Mike, N6OPH congratulated Ruth and Floyd for stepping up to the plate when they were asked for volunteers.

Ed Price moved to form a committee to oust the president & secretary. Motion was defeated by a vote of Yea =3, Nay = 28 and 1 abstention.

The meeting was adjourned at 2130hrs.

Respectfully Submitted

Anselmo Ruiz, KD6PRV
Acting Secretary
Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon

The City of El Cajon



California PROCLAMATION

"AMATEUR RADIO AWARENESS WEEK" October 4-10, 2010

WHEREAS, *Amateur radio provides a bridge between people, societies and countries through the sharing of ideas. Throughout their history, amateur radio operators have provided countless hours of community service without compensation, freely volunteering their time when called upon. This year's Amateur Radio Awareness Week observance coincides with the Fire Station 6 Open House to increase awareness of Amateur Radio; and*

WHEREAS, *the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon provided a vital service during the 2003 and 2007 Firestorms that hit San Diego County. They routinely assist Cal FIRE VIP Red Flag Patrol to identify suspicious activities and fires, in an effort to prevent catastrophic fires. The Amateur Radio Club has also participated in Smokey Bear programs educating school children on the dangers of playing with fire; and*

WHEREAS, *the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon is eager to participate in events throughout the year, providing valuable assistance in communicating information, regardless of the nature of the event. They have entered a float in the Mother Goose Parade for the past four years, promoting the club and raising awareness about Amateur Radio Operators' role in the community. They also aid communications with the local CERT Teams.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Lewis, Mayor for the City of El Cajon, together with the City Council, do hereby proclaim the fourth through the tenth of October, two thousand and ten to be "AMATEUR RADIO AWARENESS WEEK" in the City of El Cajon. I further encourage the residents of El Cajon to listen up and to turn their radios on in observance of this week and its activities.



Signed this twenty-eighth day of September, two thousand and ten.


Mayor

Membership Report

Ann KC6TBG



TO ALL ARCEC MEMBERS:

The October 14, 2010 meeting will be significant to our club's future.

A Nominations Committee will be formed and a request will be made to the Membership Chair to provide a current Roster for distribution to the members on the Nominations Committee for the purpose of contacting all members to ask if they would like to run for an office or a position on the Board.

If any club member does not wish to be published on the October Roster, please contact me by email at kc6tbg@cox.net immediately with your request that your info not be published on this Roster.

The last official ARCEC Roster was published in Feb., 2010 and was distributed to individuals who had requested a copy at that time. However, since that time, the climate of the club has changed significantly. I believe you, the membership, need to be informed and make an informed decision regarding whether you want your personal information published on the October Roster. Please consider the following:

1. Privacy Issues;
2. When the Roster was distributed in February 2010, a cover sheet Confidentiality Statement requesting that the Roster not be reprinted, distributed, posted on line or anywhere else was attached. This request was ignored by an individual who "leaked" the Roster and the recipient of the Roster redid the Roster and posted his version of it on an "unofficial reflector".



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Individual Dues Membership:

\$18.00 per year(\$1.50 per month):

January	\$ 18.00	July	\$ 9.00
February	\$ 16.50	August	\$ 7.50
March	\$ 15.00	September	\$ 6.00
April	\$ 13.50	October	\$ 4.50
May	\$ 12.00	November	\$ 3.00
June	\$ 10.50	December	\$ 1.50 *

***plus \$18.00 for the following year**

Family Dues Membership:

\$30.00 per year (\$2.50 per month):

January	\$ 30.00	July	\$ 15.00
February	\$ 27.50	August	\$ 12.50
March	\$ 25.00	September	\$10.00
April	\$ 22.50	October	\$ 7.50
May	\$ 20.00	November	\$ 5.00
June	\$ 17.50	December	\$ 2.50 *

***plus \$30.00 for the following year**

Ann, KC6TBG
Membership Chair



From The Vice President N6OPH Mike



What did you think of Gordon West's program? This was complete with bells and whistles. And don't forget the pickle!! For the October general membership meeting we will feature the "other Gordon;" Namely our Gordon Shackleford. He will talk about maintaining voltages in photo electric cells used in solar panels. I'm not sure if he needs any pickles.

The year is winding down. Gordon is our last speaker until January 2011. At that time Virgil, K7VP will speak about VHF and UHF antennae. This will be another one of his "show and tell" demonstrations. Virgil will also be speaking at the April 2011 general membership meeting. No topic has yet been selected for that meeting. For October we have several important issues that need to be addressed. First, there is a proposal to amend our by-laws to allow limited absentee balloting. The proposal will be published elsewhere in this *Counterpoise*. Read it carefully as it will affect the rights of every member of this club. Absentee voting would be extended to the election of officers and amending our by-laws.

The other item is the formation of a nominations committee for the 2011 election of officers and board members. Our by-laws stipulate that there must be at least eight candidates for this committee. Four will be directly elected to this committee and the highest vote getter would be the chairman. Also, last year's chairman would also be a member of the committee. The function of this committee is to call members and seek candidates for the office of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Also six board members would also be elected. Their term would begin on 1 January 2011. So this is a very important committee. Try to serve if you can. If you can not, then run for office.

November will be home brew. This is the time to bring out your project that you have been working



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WA6BGS Nets

Mike Oberbauer:	KG6TDP	Net Manger
Mike Oberbauer:	KG6TDP	Net Controller
Frito	N6WKB	Wide Open Nets
		Donut Net

WAMO NETS:

Wednesday and Saturday Nights
8:00 p.m. local time 7:45 "Early Checkins"

This is an open net and all are invited. Early check-ins will be taken.

Donut Net:

Monday, 7:00 p.m.

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Wide Open Ham Net:

Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

Frito's Corn Chip Net:

Thursday, 7:00 p.m. on 28.435 Mhz USB

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RX 147.420 (146.475) 107.2 PL

RX 224.080 – 107.2 PL

RX 445.900 – 107.2 PL

Don't miss it. All members welcome.

WAMO means Worked All Members Only.

The purpose of WAMO is to encourage people to people communication between club members and to publicize the name of the club among fellow amateurs.

Calendar of Events October 2010

OCT.	2:	Swap Meet, Santee Drive In, 6:30 am
OCT.	2:	T-Hunt, Grossmont College lot, 6:00 pm
Oct.	4/10:	Amateur Radio Awareness Week
OCT.	5:	Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
Oct.	9:	Fire Station 6 Open House
OCT.	14:	General Meeting, 7:00 pm
Oct.	18:	Counterpoise Dead Line
Oct.	30:	Borrego Springs Parade
Sept.	25:	Club Picnic "In Lakeside"

Upcoming Event Dates

Nov.	11:	Homebrew Contest
Nov.	21:	Mother Goose Parade
Dec.	9:	Club Elections

ARCEC Membership Form

Please print clearly, complete all info and return to Membership Chair with your payment:

- ☐ Individual Membership \$18.00 ☐ Family Membership \$30.00
☐ Counterpoise by MAIL add \$18.00 ☐ Counterpoise by Email or Website FREE

Name: _____ Class of License: _____

Other Family Members and Calls: _____

Address: _____

Call: _____ WAMO #: _____ Birthday: _____

Phone #: _____ Email address: _____

Check One: ☐ New Member ☐ Renewal ☐ Returning Member

*If you are a returning member, you will keep your original WAMO # _____

Check One: I give my permission to publish my info on the Club Roster coming out ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, state exactly what information you do not want published: _____

Check all the apply: ARRL Member ARES Member Other _____

Would you like to be in the Counterpoise Spotlight? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Would you like to be a member of The East County Response Team? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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***To be eligible for the drawing, must be postmarked no later than December 1 of the year.*

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Computer Roster Available

Want the roster sent to you via e-mail? Send an e-mail to Ann, KC6TBG and she will send you the official roster, which is published in February of each year, as an attachment. The file will be in Excell format. Send your request to 619-593-9445 or KC6TBG@cox.net

FUN PAGE

Birthday

Oct 2	AI6O	Ed	Felter
Oct 2	N6VOC	Alton	Lindsey
Oct 13	KN6HQ	Frank	Sheeler
Oct 15	W6VJT	Pat	Chambers
Oct. 21	KJ6BSO	Carl	Maniscalco
Oct. 23	KJ6DWX	Karen	Holloway
Oct 24	KI6YZK	Maryetta	Castro
Oct 28	KI6ZYN	Bill	Randall



Word Search

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Brain Thinkers

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1 Starts the Gossip Train

4 = B. M. L. the B.
4 Board Members Leave the Board

50 = Y. of B. T. apart
50 Years of By Laws Torn apart

----- This Months -----

1 = G. V. is P.
10 = P. is our Q.
10 = T. B. M.

Last Months Word Search

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U Y W N O I T O M W A Q E A I P
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Ask the Elmer

To add just a little touch of experimentation to Radio installation, I will tell you how I used some RG 6 Coax to make a good transmission line for an HF installation.

In 1964 I had a Swan 240 that I wanted to run mobile in my 65 Chevy Malibu. Money was tight and I did not have access to any real good feed line. I did; however, have some RG-6 (72 Ohm coax). I had traded for some Hustler resonators and I had 20, 40 and 80 meter covered, I was happy with that. I got a ball mount for some old tubes I had traded for at Whidbey Is. The stage was now set, I installed the power supply and the 240 was up and looking like I was well on my way to having HF mobile. The feed line was a problem and I tried the 72 ohm direct and nearly blew the 240 up in the process. Boy! That was a quick lesson in mismatching impedance. I went back to the hand book and thought about the possibility of making a parallel feed line with the RG- 6.

My thinking was this that if the parallel feed line of RG-6 could be fitted into a PL259 it just might work , so I spent the best part of the next weekend trying to fit two fat coax lines into the same PL259 , after I had burned all but two fingers with the solder gun I had fitted two lines into one PL259 , I had two lengths of RG-6 about 18 feet long and joined into the PL259 I screwed the fitting on the back of the 249 , hooked them up to the ball fitting under side and turned on the 240. Much to my amazement I heard many signals on 20 meters. I took a deep breath and loaded the transmitter and it took power without complaining, WOW! This just might work. I waited for a break and gave a call and the station came back to me with a 5/5. I was beside myself, I had made some junk cable work for me and I was on the air.

I spent the next 5 hours routing the feed line under the seat and the trip to the frame and the trunk took some doing but I got it

done with no broken bones or shorted lines. I changed to the 40 meter coil and gave that a second try with everything closed up and the engine running. There was some hash in the Rx but not bad and I found a clear spot and gave a call. I was in Memphis Tennessee and a station in New York answered me with a 5/5, I was happy as a clam at high tide. Now all I had to do was rid myself of the hash and I would have a real live HF mobile station.

I ran that 240 rigged with the paralleled feed line for three years and no problems. I finally figured out the Z match. Sense the impedance of a $\frac{1}{4}$ wave shorted stub is 36 Ohms I had inadvertently made a 36 Ohm feed line. I guess that even a blind squirrel will find an acorn once in a while. More than once I was accused of having a linear in the mobile. Many times I have repeated that installation with the same results.

Virgil K7VP



**The Editor's
Corner
KC6QLS Paul**



Editor's Corner

Our monthly newsletter "The Counterpoise" is under attack again. There has been reports that I have not published submitted stories. This is more false allegations and made up rumors. I have published ALL submitted stories. I am all for Freedom of Speech, just keep it civil and to the facts! I have asked for years for help with the Counterpoise, and only a few stepped up to help. Thank you to the staff and writers who contribute each and every month to help make our Newsletter a success. I appreciate your volunteer time and efforts.

The accusation has again come up that I control the Counterpoise and they want to have a staff for the Counterpoise? Do they not see the staff and writers listed in the Newsletter each month? Yes, some have left and will not write due to the personal attacks and incivility climate in the Club. Keep the personal attacks and incivility going and you will soon run off all your volunteers, and then who will do the work? Walk a mile in the Editor's shoes before you start to bashing the Newsletter.

73, Paul Rios, KC6QLS
Editor

Public Relations

After working very hard for well over four months on a project, it came to be. I worked on this as SDG PIC and as PR for San Diego County. Mayor Lewis handed me a Proclamation for the week of Oct 4th to 10th "Amateur Radio Awareness Week." You may ask why this week. September is National Disaster Preparedness Month, and let's follow it with Amateur Radio Awareness Week and the Fire Station Six Open House is on the 9th of October. I had planned to take my White PR Trailer around to various parts of the City of El Cajon and set up the radios, antenna, and fire up the generator, work some traffic and answer some questions about Amateur Radio and invite the local media to stop by for a possible story on Amateur Radio Awareness Week and had hoped to spark an interest in Amateur Radio and perhaps get some new members for the club.



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Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for everything!

E-Mail

Address for the Counterpoise. Please submit all *Counterpoise* Mail to:

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Prize Table Needs Help

Thank you for your contributions to the Prize Table! We still need your Support and Help or it may just end up a thing of the past. Please contact: Floyd Lang AF6BC at 303-6711.

Things to keep in mind

*Check Your Facts, and check them again
before you say or post anything!*

You will get the latest news about The Club and things going on in the Ham world on the website. www.wa6bgs.org

Quote of the Month

One must look hard through history to find when a clear understanding of the truth moved anyone to fire the first shot.

~Robert Brault

Food for Thought

"What did one ghost say to another?"

"Do you believe in people?"

Lisie KI6EEK

Some Radio Active Photos



Membership Continued

3. There has been misuse of the Roster;
4. The next official Roster will be due in February 2011. I believe the incoming elected officers and Board need to re-evaluate the club climate at that time in conjunction with a review of the By Laws and make a determination and/or any By Law changes concerning member privacy issues. At this time, the By Laws are silent on the issue of publishing a Roster. Traditionally, Rosters have been published and privacy issues have never been an issue, but the current club climate has changed.
5. In a 20 page letter to me and the Board from an officer dated July 28, 2010, page 11 of 20 states "Any discussion beyond this will have to involve someone with legal expertise." On page 13 of 20 of this same letter it states "If by now you do not understand the depth of difficulty that you and the EC are in, I suggest you obtain expert legal guidance on this subject." A question was raised asking if the President and/or Secretary had threatened the Board with legal action. The answer is "no". The foregoing comments were made and sent to the President, Secretary and in fact the entire Board by another individual.
6. While I do not know the intent of this individual to pursue a lawsuit, I believe you should be informed that I received this letter containing these specific comments so that you can make an informed decision regarding the release of your personal information on the October Roster;
7. The tabled motion made by a visiting out of state club member at the August 12, 2010 General Membership Meeting, which motion did not follow and comply with the procedures outlined in our By Laws, is scheduled to come off the table at the October 14, 2010 meeting for discussion and a vote regarding the removal of the President. I would ask all members to attend this meeting to vote on this very important issue, and specifically as this motion is a reflection of the current club climate of incivility and lack of adherence to our basic club procedures and By Laws, which have served our club well for the past 50 years.
8. Please review the September 2010 Counterpoise for the issues at hand.
9. The entire Board has now resigned as a result of the incivility in the club and the fact that the club does not have D & O Insurance.
10. As a result, the club will need to purchase D & O Insurance in the future.
11. The purchase of D & O insurance, never an issue in the past, raises the question of a probable club dues increase.
12. The change of By Laws indicated on page 18 of this Newsletter raises the question of a probable club dues increase. This amendment would change our club's voting structure which could significantly impact our club's ability to function in the future.
13. As Membership Chair, I keep statistics and the 2004 to 2010 statistics were in the September 2010 Counterpoise and are posted on the website for your review.
14. These are tough economic times. Membership is declining in clubs and organizations across the nation. While it is difficult for some members to attend meetings and vote, our present By Laws only require 10% of the membership to be present to vote and thus our club has survived for 50 years! Increasing the number of members that need to be present to vote and/or requiring absentee ballot voting, and the costs associated with it, could be the financial demise of our club. Certainly, at a minimum, the cost of absentee ballot and voting raises the question of a probable club dues increase.
15. At the April 6, 2010 Board Meeting, Steve Weed, KO4QT submitted a "absentee ballot discussion for tonights board meeting", and a copy is included in the Secretary's file of the Meeting Minutes, because he could not attend the meeting. Steve's info was reviewed and there was a discussion on this topic. There was a motion by Larry, AE6AV to vote on if the Board wants to pursue absentee ballot voting; seconded by Rich, N6NKJ and the vote by show of hands was: to Pursue: 2 / to Not Pursue: 6 / Abstain: 1 = 9 total voting. Therefore, the motion did not pass and the Board will not pursue absentee voting. Thereafter, the motion was brought as a new matter to the club when in fact it was not a new matter and when in fact as a prior VP the individual who authored the motion was and is



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Membership Continued

familiar with how the ARCEC runs. Following our club By Laws, the proper process regarding this topic was in fact already followed, i.e., a member brought the topic to the Board. The Board having considered the topic and the time and costs involved voted to not pursue the issue. Our By Laws set the basis for how our club works. Following and respecting our By Laws and our club procedures has served us well for 50 years. All of the incivility and arguing are unnecessary. The Board is suppose to run the club, make club decisions and do what is in the best interest of the club and in this instance the Board did exactly what they were suppose to do according to our By Laws.

16. So, the October 14, 2010 meeting will be very important to our club's future. I believe you, the membership, need to be informed and be present at the October meeting. Please attend this very important meeting to learn more and vote on these issues that will impact our club and each and every one of us.

***Again, if you do not wish to be included on the October Roster, please email me at kc6tbg(a)cox.net immediately with your request to not be listed. The October Roster to be given to the Nominations Committee will be finalized on October 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. so any requests to not be on this roster must be received by me, the Membership Chair, by this date and time.

Ann KC6TBG
Membership Chair



Homebrew 2010 Rules

ATTENTION: REVISED HOME BREW RULES FOR NOVEMBER 2010 CONTEST

1. All home brew projects must have been constructed during the calendar year of 2010.
2. All home brew projects must be original works.
3. The home brew contest will consist of three categories and two sub classes; Antenna, novice & extra; Kits, novice & extra; Gear, novice & extra. Novice, Advanced and Antenna.
4. Novice class would be reserved for beginners who are constructing their first project.
5. Extra class would be for those who are experienced in the art of home brewing. It would be as complex as practicable.
6. The Antenna class would consist of a transmitting antenna for any amateur frequency.
7. All home brew projects must be explained by the builder and demonstrated before the general membership. All projects must function as described.
8. Each home brew class will consist of first, second and third places. The winner of each class would be awarded an appropriate award.
9. The judging would be accomplished by three volunteers selected by the club president. Any licensed amateur radio operator and club member is eligible to be a judge. The decision of the judges is final. No sour grapes please.
10. The purpose of the home brew contest is to demonstrate just one of the many capabilities of the amateur radio community. Build and have fun!!

From The Vice-President Continued

on this year. The Christmas party will be held in December. The plans for that are still up in the air so stay tuned for more detail when it becomes available.

We have some activities this month and October that may go by the wayside for reasons obvious to all members. Let's try to salvage these if possible and plan for an active club next year.

By the time that this *Counterpoise* is published, the ARRL SW Division Convention would be history. I'll try to give everyone a full report in October.

Michael Maston, N6OPH
Vice President
Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon



Extra Class Schedule

Sept.	14
Sept.	21
Sept.	28
Oct.	12
Oct.	19
Oct.	26



Be Radio Active

What does that Mean?

B - Be Prepared

E - Enthusiastic

R - Respectful

A - Accountable

D - Dedicated

I - Initiative

O - Optimistic

A - ARRL

C - Clubs

T - Technology

I - Involved

V - Volunteer

E - Education

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Lighter Side Of Hamming

Third Dimension QSO

It was a full moon, a cold and windy night, as I headed out to the radio shack. I sat down at my station and turned on the heater to warm up the air a little. As I turned on the radio, I thought I saw a dark figure out of the corner of my eye; I looked in that direction and saw nothing. The radio came alive, and I set the radio up on 40 meters, tuned the antenna, and started to call CQ. The AM broadcasters started coming in with a vengeance, so I dialed down to the Extra Class, it was real quiet. I started to call CQ again, and I looked over at the clock. It was only 2200 hours. Someone should be on, after all it was a contest weekend.

After checking the antennas and a pot of coffee later, I determined that no one was on the air, even the AM broadcasters were gone. I got up out of the chair to recheck the antennas. As I came back into the shack, I saw the same dark figure standing over by the radios. I moved to the right and it was gone; it must be a shadow from the light outside the shack. I sat down and the chair felt really low. After readjusting the chair, I checked the radios. I left it on 40 meters but it was now set on 20 meters and the amplifier setting was also on 20 meters. I put all the gear back on 40 meters and started to call CQ again. Again, I heard no one on the air, must not be the night for Amateur Radio. I thought I would see if the band would open and check back later. I went back into the house and made a fresh pot of coffee and headed back to the shack. I sat down and the chair was lowered again. I am a tall person and know that I did not set the chair that way. The radio and amplifier were set on 20 meters and on the same frequency as before 14.266 Mhz. Ok, I maybe I am to call CQ on 20 meters, so I did. Right before I keyed down I heard a flutter with a small winey sound. As soon as I finished calling CQ and without any hesitation a person answer me back. We started to chat.

As we talked about what rigs we were using, we were using the same rig. I told him that the lower right "RIT" knob had a small chip out of it but besides that the rig was in great shape for a used rig. He told me that he bought the same radio new about eight years back and the same knob had a chip in it too. I asked him if his radio ever had changed bands on him. "Nope" he replied back. He asked me, "How long ago did you pick up the radio"? I only had it a few years. I bought it from a guy, who told me his Dad was a Ham and he was interested in Amateur Radio. I told him that his dad's call was still on the side of the radio. I gave him the call and asked him if he knew the guy. The radio got real quiet.

After some time, he called me back and asked me if I saw sitting down. He told me that was his old Extra Call before he got his Vanity Call. Now the QSO was getting weird. The gentleman was a SK. How was I talking to him? He told me he did not know, but he was adamant that the radio I was using was his radio. He told me the Serial Number of the rig and it checked out that it was the same. The numbers matched! I asked him if he was a short guy. He replied that he was, and he only worked the radio after 2200 hours on 20 meters. I got a cold chill running down my back and felt like someone was in the radio room with me.

The flutter with a small winey sound came back and the guy was gone. From time to time the radio still resets to 20 meters and the chair is lower than I normally have it when sit down to work some HF, but I have never heard that flutter with a small winey sound again. I did some research on the SK, and he passed way on the same date of the QSO form the Third Dimension.

73,
Les Volta



Bylaw

Article X "As it READS NOW"

As it reads now

ARTICLE X NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- (a) The Nomination Committee shall consist of the chairperson of the Nomination Committee of the previous year, and four (4) members to be elected from The Club membership.**
- (b) Selection of candidates for the nomination committee: Prior to the October meeting, the Executive Committee shall select from the membership of the club a list of eight (8) names of full members who are qualified for election to the nomination committee.**
- (c) The ballots for the election of the nominating committee shall contain the eight (8) names. Each full member present may vote for a maximum of four (4) candidates, at the October regular meeting. The four (4) candidates with the highest number of votes shall be declared elected and the one with the greatest number of votes shall be the chairperson.**
- (d) Duties of the Nomination Committee: It shall be the duty of the Nomination Committee to select at least one (1) candidate for each office. In selecting the candidates, the nomination committee shall give consideration to recommendations of the Executive Committee.**
- (e) Any full member shall be eligible for election providing: Candidates for the office of President and Vice-President shall hold a valid technician class amateur radio license or higher. All other Executive Committee members and Board Members shall hold a valid amateur radio license. All Candidates for Executive Committee and Board Members shall be eighteen (18) years of age or older at time of Nomination.**
- (f) Nominations for the election of the Executive Committee shall be prepared by the nomination committee and presented to the membership at the November regular meeting. Nominations shall be called for from the floor and nominations will be closed at the November regular meeting.**
- (g) The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and six (6) board of directors shall be elected for one (1) year by a majority vote of the full membership at the December annual meeting. The term of office shall extend from January 1 to December 31.**

Proposed

Bylaw Change Article X Section (g) adding (h)

Proposed Change

Shall Article X of the by-laws of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon be modified by amending Section (g) and adding Section (h) as shown below?

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(h) The Executive Committee/Board of Directors shall be responsible for establishing a procedure for balloting.

Bylaw

Article XII "As it READS NOW"

As it reads now

ARTICLE XII AMENDMENTS

(a) Amendments to the bylaws may be made by a quorum vote of six (6) of the Executive Committee members, subject to approval of the membership by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any regular meeting.

(b) Amendments to the bylaws may be made by a written proposal signed by ten (10) percent of the membership, filed with the Secretary, and subject to the approval of the membership by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any regular meeting.

(c) Amendments proposed must be communicated to the membership in writing at the regular meeting prior to the regular meeting at which the amendment will be voted upon

Proposed

Bylaw Change Acticle XII Section (a) (b) adding (d)

Proposed change

Shall Article XII of the by-laws of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon be modified by amending Sections (a) and (b) and adding Section (d) as shown below?

ARTICLE XII AMENDMENTS

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(b) Amendments to the bylaws may be made by a written proposal signed by ~~ten (10)~~ *thirty three (33)* percent of the membership, filed with the Secretary, and subject to the approval of the membership by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any regular meeting.

(c) Amendments proposed must be communicated to the membership in writing at the regular meeting prior to the regular meeting at which the amendment will be voted upon.

(d) The Executive Committee/Board of Directors shall be responsible for establishing a procedure for balloting.

Public Relations Continued

Due to circumstances beyond my control and the incivility climate of the club, any new member who would sign up to the reflector and see the incivility, and if they came to a meeting for the first time, would they come back? So I had to call it all off. We have a chance at the Open House with some "GOOD PR Positive Persons" to do some of this. We will have a booth and let's talk up the Positive aspects of Amateur Radio. And then let's have some fun meetings and get this club back on TRACK. The life of the club is in your hands; keep the incivility going and completely destroy the club and close our doors or continue to move forward in a fun, friendly and positive direction like we have for the last four years, before March 2010. I ask the membership, what do you want? The choice is yours. Please attend the October meeting.

73, Paul Rios, KC6QLS
Public Relations



Some Convention Photos





From the Desk of Monica Zech PIO City of El Cajon

Subject: El Cajon Fire's Safety & Career Expo is this Saturday - October 9th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 100 E. Lexington Avenue. Fun - Free - Family Event! Featuring a Fun Zone for children with a free safety helmet giveaway (while supplies last), safety car seat information, child I.D.'s, Home Depot's Kids Workshop, how and when to call 9-1-1 and CORE Self Defense will be teaching children and adults about "self defense!"

For Parents - the latest in disaster preparedness information from the Office of Emergency Services and the American Red Cross. OES will be signing up people for the Reverse 9-1-1 System. Representative from Fire Pump & Hose demonstrating products to protect your home. CalFire with a display and information about proper defensible space around your home. Burn prevention & fire safety from the Burn Institute and our Building & Fire Safety Department. Safe driving information from CHP and the Pacific Safety Council. Water Conservation & Storm Water issues from the City of El Cajon Storm Water Department and the Helix WaterDistrict and more! I'll have the experts covering many of the topics featured in recent news stories!

To see the full line-up of groups represented visit www.elcajonfire.com. Senior resources and a career section also available at this event.



Oktoberfest In El Cajon

The German American Societies present (a real) Oktoberfest on October 1-3 & 8-10 in El Cajon! The annual event is located at 1017 S. Mollison Avenue. Hours are Fridays 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Saturdays from Noon to 10:00 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 9:00 p.m. Enjoy all the fun entertainment, along with German food & beverages. Age 21 and up \$5. Under 21 and active military are free! Visit www.oktoberfestelcajon.com for more information.

Stepping Up To Health!

It's all about health on Saturday, October 2nd, at the Family Health/Wellness Fair at Kennedy Park in El Cajon. It's called "Stepping Up To Health" and will run from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Kennedy Park, located at 1675 E. Madison Avenue. Enjoy planned fitness activities and community information booths for the whole family. For more information please call (619) 588-3265.

Rose & Plant Show

If you love roses stop by the Ronald Reagan Community Center on Saturday, October 2, for the East County Rose & Plant Show, at the Ronald Reagan Community Center, located at 195 East Douglas Avenue in El Cajon. It will be open to the public from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information call (619) 463-6977

Animal Shelter Open House

Join us on Saturday, October 23rd, for the Annual El Cajon Animal Shelter Open House! This free Halloween-themed family event will run from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 1275 N. Marshall Avenue. There will be a Halloween Costume contest for dogs at 1:00 p.m. Micro-chipping, I.D.'s, a low-cost rabies clinic and pet adoptions will also be available! For more information please call (619) 441-1580.

More From the Desk of Monica

Bowling For Students In El Cajon

On Saturday, October 23rd, the Cajon Valley Education Foundation will hold a Bowl-A-Thon at Parkway Bowl benefitting the Foundation. Parkway Bowl is located at 1280 Fletcher Parkway. The event is from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and only 35 lanes can be reserved. Sign up now! There will be a best team costume contest and prizes. For more information visit www.cvef.net.

It's A Barn Sale!

You may have been to a garage sale, but have you ever been to a barn sale? Coming up on Saturday, October 23rd, from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., it's the Olaf Wieghorst Museum and Western Heritage Center Barn Sale located at 131 Rea Avenue! You will find vintage collectibles, used tack, old tools, western clothes, dishes, linens and lots of other goodies. Bring cash, checks and credit cards! Nothing from the museum permanent collection will be sold. If you have any questions, please contact (619) 590-3431.

Bring The Kids To Trunk Or Treat Downtown!

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, October 27th, for the Cajon Classic Cruise - Trunk or Treat car show! Cars will be decorated in Halloween themes while the owners hand out candy to the children. This fun activity takes place on downtown Main Street near Magnolia Avenue. Hours are 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Call (619) 401-8858 for more information.

Women In Leadership Luncheon - Register Now!

Register for the East County Chamber's 8th Annual Women in Leadership Luncheon on Friday October 29th, 2010 at the Doubletree Hotel in Mission Valley, 7450 Hazard Centre Drive, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Chamber is again proud to highlight the many accomplishments San Diego women are making throughout the county and is eagerly anticipating their largest luncheon to date. The Chamber is dedicated to ensuring that the modern workforce is strong, vibrant and diversified, and we believe this event helps in doing just that. The San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce is proud to host this event annually and believes firmly in applauding women who stand out from their peers as leaders in their respective fields. The San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce.

Note: Please keep me informed of your community events by placing me on your mailing or e-mail list. If you have an event in the City of El Cajon that you would like to share, please contact Monica Zech, Public Information Officer for the City of El Cajon, via e-mail at mzech@ci.el-cajon.ca.us, or send to: Monica Zech, Public Information Officer, City of El Cajon, 200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon, California 92020.

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2 nd Saturday:	Carlsbad 9:30 am Carlsbad Safety Center Orion Way Carlsbad
3 rd Saturday:	North Park 10:00 am North Park Recreation Center 4044 Idaho Street San Diego
4 th Saturday:	Chula Vista 8:30 am Fire Station #7 1640 Santa Venetia Chula Vista
5 th or last Saturday:	Escondido 9:00 am LDS Church 1917 East Washington St.

To make advance reservations or to find out more info
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